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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA DONORS' MEETING

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1. DIVISION OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL (STAEHELIN) HAS INFORMED
EMBASSY THAT CHARLES BRUGGMANN, DEPUTY CHIEF SWISS OECD
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DELEGATION, WILL ATTEND OCTOBER 17 MEETING. STAEHELIN

SAID BRUGGMANN WILL ACT LARGELY AS OBSERVER SINCE SWITZERLAND'S LIMITED AID FUNDS ALREADY COMMITTED THROUGH NEXT YEAR. HE SAID CURRENT BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN AID IN GENERAL PRECLUDE ASKING PARLIAMENT FOR ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR INDOCHINA.

2. STAEHELIN INDICATED SWISS POLICY TOWARD INDOCHINA ASSISTANCE SAME AS THAT DESCRIBED PARA 4, REFTEL B, I.E., SWITZERLAND'S NEUTRALITY REQUIRES BALANCED APPROACH TOWARD ALL FOUR INDOCHINA COUNTRIES.

3. EMBOFF EXPLAINED COMPROMISE SCENARIO ON INFORMAL FOLLOW-UP CONSULTATION (REFTEL C). STAEHELIN SAID SWISS COULD NOT PARTICIPATE, EVEN AS OBSERVERS, IN ANY CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUP BUT WOULD NOT OPPOSE FORMATION OF SUBGROUPS FOR EITHER SVN OR NVN. HE SAID SWISS PREFER CHANNEL MOST OF THEIR INDOCHINA ASSISTANCE THROUGH MEKONG COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL REASONS. SWISS AID PROGRAM SMALL AND LARGELY LIMITED TO TECHNICAL AND HUMANITARIAN HELP. FOR THIS REASON IT MOST EFFICIENT TO TREAT INDOCHINA AS ECONOMIC UNIT WITH ONLY A FEW SMALL-SCALE BILATERAL PROJECTS.

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